

IDAHO BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 5/4/2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Carla A Steen - Chair
Justin Kobbe Solace
Mary Jo White, D.C.
Riki Nagle-Ker

DIVISION STAFF: Dawn Hall, Deputy Division Administrator
Julie Eavenson, Administrative Support Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Nicholas Krema, General Counsel
Rob McQuade, Legal Counsel
Eric Nelson, Board Prosecutor
Candace Villarreal, Board Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Susan Beck, Idaho State University

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM MDT by Carla A Steen.

DISCIPLINE

Mr. Nelson presented Stipulation and Consent Orders for case numbers MAS-2020-1 and MAS-2020-5. Dr. White made a motion to approve the Consent Orders and allow the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board. It was seconded by Ms. Nagle-Ker. Motion carried.

LAWS AND RULES

Mr. McQuade discussed the proposed establishment licensure legislation which was postponed in the last legislative session to add sunrise provisions and asked if the Board would like to proceed with the proposed legislation in the next session. Mr. McQuade also stated that a full statute review is slated per the Red Tape Reduction Act. The Board discussed that establishment licensure and statute review will be proposed as separate pieces of legislation. The Board directed Mr. McQuade to bring both establishment licensure and statute review to the July Board meeting in preparation for the next legislative session.

DIVISION BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for July 13, 2020 at 9:30 AM MDT.

REPORT LIMITED AUTHORITY STATUS

Ms. Villarreal reported on the status of the limited authority test, whereby the Board temporarily granted the authority to the Board specialist to approve completed applications between meetings. No issues were reported. No action was taken.

BOARD BUSINESS

FEDERATION OF STATE MASSAGE THERAPY BOARDS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dr. White made a motion to approve the funds to pay for the 2020/2021 Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) membership renewal. It was seconded by Mr. Kobbe Solace. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Discussion

The Board discussed the Governor's guidelines for opening Idaho and that each stage includes re-evaluation by the Governor of criteria set forth to determine the feasibility to advance to each stage. The Board discussed that phase two (2) is slated for May 16-29, 2020. The Board also discussed that there are no fee waivers, and that licensees should continue to focus on complying with the laws and rules that govern the profession.

CORRESPONDENCE

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM STANDARDS

The Board reviewed correspondence from Susan Beck regarding Educational Program Standards set forth in state licensure rules. The Board directed legal counsel to review the term "in class supervised" and to create wording which allows for the distribution of online content regarding non-hands-on didactic coursework. The Board discussed the suggestion to raise requirements from 500 to 625 hours per Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation [COMTA] recommendations. It was stated that schools may choose to offer additional hours as deemed appropriate. In order to prevent barriers to licensure, the 500-hour requirement currently set forth in Idaho laws and rules will not be modified.

FEDERATION OF STATE MASSAGE THERAPY BOARDS SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Board reviewed correspondence from the FSMTB regarding town hall meetings and activities regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. No action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Nagle-Kerr made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to consider documents relating to the fitness of an applicant to be granted a license or registration. It was seconded by Mr. Kobbe Solace. The vote was: Dr. White, aye; Ms. Nagle-Ker, aye; Mr. Kobbe Solace, aye; and Ms. Steen, aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Solace made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Dr. White. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

Ms. Nagle-Ker made a motion to approve the following for licensure:

Jaramillo, Jenna	MASA-4078
Yang, Yixiu	MASA-4076

It was seconded by Dr. White. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kobbe Solace made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 AM MDT. It was seconded by Dr. White. Motion carried.

Carla A Steen, Chair